

The Strength of Christianity

Canadian Churchman.

We stand at the dawn of the twentieth century, and we seek to measure the strength of Christianity. Her adherents in 1800 were perhaps 200,000,000; to-day they are close upon 500,000,000. Not in numbers alone, but in vantage ground of influence, she has grown in strength; the Christian nations now wield sovereign influence over 800,000,000 out of the 1,400,000,000 of the world's population. Or, to put it in another way; one-third of the inhabitants of the world are Christian, and another third of the world is under the government of the Christian nations; and, as matters now are, it is not difficult to see how easily the whole of the habitable world may fall under the sway of the Christian peoples. Measure the Christian influence by area, and we find that, for every mile of the earth's surface governed by non-Christian peoples, four are ruled by Christian nations. Yet Voltaire prophesied that before the opening of the nineteenth century, Christianity would have vanished from the face of the earth! The answer of facts is that two thirds of the world's peoples, and four-fifths of the earth's soil, are ruled by the Christian nations. If we ask for further evidence of the growth of the Christian church, we have but to look at India, where the Christian converts have grown between 1851 and 1881 from 91,000 to 417,000; to Africa, where a native church hold an almost independent existence; to the churches planted by the Christian missionaries of this country, which now send contributions amounting to from £10,000 to £20,000 for the furtherance of the missionary cause.

The crosses of life are the deep things of God, and thought can not explore them. But love can; the spirit of love can interpret the acts of love.—*In His Steps*.

Knowledge Is Knowing Where to Find it

New York Tribune.

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